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Extracts.

CLOUDS.
 Crowding the hillside, like a sky,
 Lighting the way to a plaining eye;
 Deep folds of gold, with a silvery sheen,
 Bathed in the sunlight, in splendor are seen.
 Yearning for treasure so dear to the eye,
 Enriching Nature what gold cannot buy,
 Out in the distance the sunbeams heart bleeds,
 Drawing us onward through fading light clouds.
 What care we for hunger, for thirst, or for sleep?
 In the fleecy clouds, covered in deep,
 Wrapt round in robes that angels might wear,
 What need we of trouble passed in air?
 We cannot forget of earth we are made,
 Yet cannot but hope in golden glades,
 To find in its glory the Valley of Truth,
 To bathe and revel in the Fountain of Youth.
 Clamoring the hillside and waving our prize,
 With arms waving undulating the skies;
 Tossing against a region of light,
 Exulting we gain the coveted height.
 Oh! I feel dealing blows with spirit-like eyes!
 Why live we in a world of pain and strife?
 Our golden-dyed robes, our harp, our goal,
 Pressed to the breast, strike a chill to the soul.
 So, hopes that are set on treasures of earth,
 Oh! robbed of their splendor, are strangled at birth;
 Like clouds that are drenched with heaven's parent rain,
 We gain them to find them of earth's vain gain.
 —Alta.

AN OLD BALLET SQUABBLE.

In England ballet has enjoyed many triumphs, while in this country it has never been successful. There are great troubles, for instance, at Drury Lane Theatre in 1755, when Mr. Garrick's Chinese Festival with his French dancers was eternally, even savagely, condemned by the audience. The manager was overflooded of spangles and spotlights, or inclined to over-estimate his public's regard for such matters, and a sharp necessary lesson was read to him upon that occasion. Then he was very obstinate, and in such wise roused the British lion indignantly. He would not withdraw the play from his stage; promptly the audience determined that no stage should be left him upon which to represent either the Chinese Festival or anything else of consequence. He had to yield at last, as managers must when playgoers are resolute; he had to live by pleasing, not displeasing. But he did not give way until there had been some six nights of up-roar and riot. In vain did various noble lords and gentlemen friends of the management, and supporters of spectacle and the ballet, draw their swords, and endeavour to protect him, to restore order, and to defend the theatre from outrage. The mob would have its way. The benches were torn up, the decorations torn down, chandeliers smashed, even scenes and properties were ruthlessly destroyed. There was, indeed, a wild proposition made at one time to fire the house and burn it to the ground. But the mob was not so far gone as that. They had to be satisfied with striking his flag, and yield up his Chinese Festival. Still it was agreed that he had hesitated too long. The mob therefore repaired to Southampton-street, and smashed his window-panes, doing other mischief to his property there. He began even to tremble for his life, and from his friends in power obtained a guard of soldiers to protect him. Strange to say, on two of the nights of riot the king was present—a fact that did not in the least hinder or mitigate the violent demonstrations of the audience. But it was not so much the ballet that gave offence as the ballet-dancers whom Garrick had brought from Paris. They were chiefly Swiss, but the audience believed them to be French, and at that time a very strong anti-Gallic feeling prevailed in the land. The relations between England and France were of an unfriendly kind; the two countries were, indeed, at the eve of war. The French, by their conduct in America, had incurred the bitterest English enmity. It is true that Garrick had projected his expedition to protect his ballet, and that he was careful to inform the public, and further to state that his ballet-master, M. Noverre, and his sisters, were Swiss, and of a Protestant family; his wife and her sister, German; and that of the whole corps de ballet, sixty in number, forty were English. But this was not enough. The pit would not regard it, holding fast to their opinion that no management should bring over parley-voos and frog-eaters to take the bread out of English mouths. Peace was at length restored in Drury-lane, and the dancers sent back. The management lost four thousand pounds, Garrick purchasing knowledge of his public at rather a high rate.
 —Belgravia.

EARL RUSSELL AND DR. CHANNING ON WAR.

A contemporary remarks, in reviewing Earl Russell's "Recollections," that he admits, as everybody now admits, that the Crimean war was a blunder. But he seems to have no suspicion that an unnecessary war is a crime as well as a blunder. The question of peace or war turned ultimately upon the acceptance or rejection of what is known as the Vienna Note, a note prepared by the Austrian Government, approved by France, England, and Prussia, and presented by Lord Clarendon to the Turkish Government as a solution of the difficulty which, to use his own words, "fully guarded the principle for which, throughout, we have been contending, and may therefore, with perfect safety, be signed by the Porte," and as "a project which the allies of the Sultan unanimously concur in recommending for his adoption." This note was immediately and implicitly accepted by Russia; but it was rejected utterly and almost contemptuously by Turkey. But what happened then? We will answer in words employed by Mr. Bright shortly after the war began—"They (our Government), in concert with France, Austria, and Prussia, took the original dispute out of the hands of Russia and Turkey, and formed them into a court of arbitration in the interests of Turkey. They made an award which they declared to be safe and honorable for both parties; this award was accepted by Russia and rejected by Turkey, and they then turned round upon their own award, declared it to be 'totally inadmissible,' and made war upon the very country whose Government they had just made the court of arbitration." Such was the case. They made an award which they declared to be safe and honorable for both parties; this award was accepted by Russia and rejected by Turkey, and they then turned round upon their own award, declared it to be 'totally inadmissible,' and made war upon the very country whose Government they had just made the court of arbitration." Such was the case. They made an award which they declared to be safe and honorable for both parties; this award was accepted by Russia and rejected by Turkey, and they then turned round upon their own award, declared it to be 'totally inadmissible,' and made war upon the very country whose Government they had just made the court of arbitration." Such was the case.

STRANGE CREATURES OF THE SEA.

A stinging, bubble. That's what the naturalists call it, though they put the name into Greek, so that it looks more imposing. Its common name is the Portuguese man-of-war, because it looks like a toy ship as it floats on the sea, with its trim sails spread out to the breeze, and sailors call it the "sea bladder," from its shape. So you see it has names enough.
 It is one of the loveliest objects to be seen in the tropical seas, and when they surround the ship in crowds, as they often do, of all sizes, from a tiny bit of a thing an inch long to the larger relative, who can boast of twelve times that length, it is an astonishing sight for a naturalist, and he can scarcely keep his hands off them.
 He had better keep his hands off, however, for, alas! they are not the harmless beauties they seem to be. In those long, waving streamers is some dreadful stinging power, which is severe enough to make a man cry out with pain. That is why you may have the unpleasant name of "stinging" applied to them, you see.
 But let me tell you one more look. To begin with, the sail or crest, or membrane, which runs along the top, can be raised or lowered at will. It can even be raised as high as the bladder is broad, when it looks like an archer bow-and-arrow sail. If you know what that is. (Of course you do if you're a boy!)
 The colour of this dainty sail is a delicate, transparent pink, varied with purple and violet, and as nearly the whole bladder part floats on top of the water, of course the sail is a very conspicuous object. The part called the bladder itself seems to be nothing else, being merely a sort of bag filled with air, but of the most beautiful blue colour, mingled with green and crimson, and the whole thing is almost as transparent as a genuine bubble.
 The fringed-like things which hang from the lower side are of rich purple and crimson colours, except the long spiral cords—which are generally colourless.
 This creature has a beauty of old supposed to be one individual, but since men have studied more closely into its ways, it is deemed to be a whole family of individuals, living in peace together. The beautiful transparent bladder is really, as I said, nothing but a bag of air, the object of which is to keep the heavy family floating about in the water, where they can procure food and live.
 A famous traveller tells of sailing over in the neighbourhood of the Florida reef, his ship being nearly one whole day in passing through a fleet of these little men-of-war. They covered the ocean as far as he could see, and he says must have extended for miles. Of course he had to see them a little more than in the water, with the aid of a bucket he now and then secured a captive. But before it reached the deck the sailors would always warn him not to touch it, for its wiles are too subtle for him, for it will at once defend itself.
 The long floating cords, as I told you, have a terrible stinging power. They can be drawn up almost close to the bladder, or darted out to the length of many feet, and some cases yards, and was to the unhappy little fish who chances to be near. No sooner does one of these lively threads touch him than he becomes numb and helpless; the thread winds around him, and drags him up through the mouths and stomachs hanging from the bladder, where he is very soon disposed of, you may be sure.
 One of these creatures of the size of a walnut will kill and eat a fish larger than a herring. It is said that flying fish and cuttle fish are the favourite food of this droll family.
 A great deal has been said about the poisonous qualities of this little man-of-war. The natives of the countries on whose shores it is found declare it to be deadly poison, and even insist that fishes which have eaten one of them will poison men. But some of our naturalists have made various experiments with them, such as feeding dogs and other animals with them, without hurting them at all. One man fed a chicken with a chopped man-of-war, and then had the chicken killed and roasted and ate it himself, without harm.
 Though not poisonous to eat, they are very uncomfortable fellows to get hold of in life. If you merely touch one of the hangings, it sticks at once, as though it were glued, and it is very difficult to get it off, when a dreadful stinging, burning feeling spreads from the hands to the arm, and even extends to the chest, making breathing very difficult. I once took hold of the bladder of a man-of-war, the long threads threw themselves up around his hands and wind it up in a perfect net-work, so that it is hard to get them off, while a feeling as though he had put his hand into boiling oil makes him very anxious to do so.
 Getting it off the pain is less, but the hand is swelled and white for hours, and the pain in the arm continues for some time, as does a feverish state of the whole body. On the whole, I would not advise any one to try the experiment of touching this very irritable family.
 I will now tell you of another wonder of the sea, one of the most beautiful and wonderful for their beauty and their disagreeable ways. This particular individual is called by the graceful name of Chrysaora Gaudichaudii in the books, but its common name is Jelly-fish, and it will do well enough for us. Nothing can be more lovely than this creature as it floats in the water, its transparent, bubble-like garment expanded into its long floating crimson ribbons and four wide white arms hanging down beneath.
 But it is dangerous as it is beautiful, for those streamers are as deadly as the threads of the man-of-war, and many are the fishes that find themselves wrapped up in them and stuffed into the big hungry mouth that this lovely bubble carries under its delicate umbrella.
 This family has many different varieties, but their habits are about the same, and what can be told of this one will suit equally well for most of the others.
 They are so-called, to begin with, nearly always going in great crowds, covering the sea with their bodies, and fairly new in descriptions that would do for fairies or other imaginary creatures. The most beautiful blue, the richest crimson, the most delicate violet, the palest rose—in fact, every exquisite colour you can think of, is found in the Medusae.
 In general form they are alike, shaped like an umbrella, with long and airy streamers, and various shapes floating around them. Some of them have a sort of short fringe on the edge; others have deep scallops. Another kind has broad leaf-like hangings, and a fourth has fringed ribbons.
 Members of this strange family are very common on the coast, and you will see when I tell you that in old times they were supposed to be without organs, merely lamps of jelly, for when cast upon the shore they seem to melt away and dissolve into nothing. But later study has discovered that though made of exceedingly transparent tissue and mostly filled with sea water, they have organs as well as other creatures.
 On the margins of some of them are small specks, thought by some to be eyes, and they swim by opening and shutting the umbrellas alternately. In this way they can get along well, with their streamers floating out behind. If they are disturbed, or for any reason they wish to move, they can do so by closing their dainty umbrellas, and risk at once.
 They are so numerous in some places that they are said to furnish the principal food of the whales, which are also found there.

But I think the very oddest thing about the family is the strange growth of the babies.

To begin with, Mother Medusa produces eggs, which she throws into the water to care for themselves. Some of them swim around a little while and then settle on a rock, or some solid thing. There it grows to look like a small plant, with some leaves, and a stalk. After a while part of it grows to look like a pile of saucers. Then the top saucer gets weary, wriggles and twists itself about a little, and finally comes off with a jerk, and there is a little star-shaped creature, who swims off alone, and soon grows to be like his grandmother Medusa. The next saucer begins to wriggle to struggle to get away, and finally comes off with a jerk, and there is another little star-shaped creature, who swims off alone, and soon grows to be like his grandmother Medusa. The next saucer begins to wriggle to struggle to get away, and finally comes off with a jerk, and there is another little star-shaped creature, who swims off alone, and soon grows to be like his grandmother Medusa. The next saucer begins to wriggle to struggle to get away, and finally comes off with a jerk, and there is another little star-shaped creature, who swims off alone, and soon grows to be like his grandmother Medusa.

RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCES IN ALGERIA.

Fasting is also an ordinance strictly enjoined. We have already alluded to the fast of the Ramadan, a word which signifies purification from sin. It is a fast, and more so than any other, occurs in the ninth month of the Arab year. During this period of penance the gates of Paradise are said to be open, so that it is a happy fate to die at this time. None but the sick are exempt from the rigorous observance of the Ramadan, and those only who are in such a condition that, when they recover from illness, they shall fast as many days as equal in number those on which they had been allowed to take food. During the thirty days this fast continues Moslems are not permitted to visit their wives. Not only are they forbidden to eat anything from sunrise to sunset, but what is worse, they must neither smoke nor drink coffee, nor use the Arab, like the Spaniard, who took the habit from him, has seldom a cigarette out of his mouth, and drinks ten or twelve cups of coffee a day, this is no small privation; so that the hungry fast, on this exceptional occasion, becomes savage and quarrelsome, like other animals, and the month of Ramadan at this period we saw a fight almost every day in the streets—a fair fight English fashion—for the Algerines, unlike the Italians and Spaniards, seldom use knives; but in every instance native peace-makers interfere to separate the combatants, which is more than is usually done in Christian countries. The time for eating is then defined. The faithful are allowed to take nourishment from dusk to dawn, as long as it is impossible to distinguish by light of day a black thread from a white one. In Algeria, as is the custom in all countries which profess the Mohammedan religion, a salvo of artillery announces the beginning of the fast, and another at the end. The cannon is not fired at sunset, the signal that it is over for that day. After so many hours of total abstinence, it may be imagined how welcome to the ears of the hungry population is the report of this gun. The town seems to awake, the scene changes at once from a state of sultry oppression to one of animation. The streets are lighted up, whilst from the highest gallery the Muezzin, in a loud and sonorous voice, calls the faithful to evening prayers. After hastily reciting a verse from the Koran everyone begins to eat. Many of the lower classes carry bread, a few dates, or the like, about them. At such a moment they become dangerous. We saw one day passing an Arab just as the cannon fired. "Entends-tu," said he, "look!" and quick as thought, he took from the hood of his burban a bit of bread, which he bolted down with a triumphant satisfaction.
 —Algeria as it is. By George Gaskell.

WERE THE ENGLISH SURPRISED AT INKERMANN?

"Would it be accurate to say that the English were 'surprised' at Inkermann? For weeks they had well understood that an attack, if attempted at all, might there be most hopefully ventured; and only a few days before they had seen the enemy come to make himself at home on the ground, and even rehearse his manoeuvres. They knew, too, that for such an undertaking early morning was the most fitting time, and some two or three hours after midnight they received a vague warning in the low distant sound of wheels reported by Sargent and Morgan, followed up before long by the pealing of the Sebastopol bells. And again it is true that the mobility of Peninsular troops was performed and supported the outpost duty, or even without such addition—though in that case at a risk of incurring occasional veritable losses—the pickets might have been so placed as to be capable of giving an earlier notice of any attack on Mount Inkermann than the adopted system could insure; and even without all that hazard the object might have been partly attained by causing the outlying pickets to patrol to the front every morning a little before break of day. On the whole, it was certainly possible that by a keener attention to dubious signs, and an altered disposition of their outpost system, our people might have accelerated their discovery of the coming attack. 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